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# ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The start of the 2015-16 Legislative Session was a busy one for the Assembly Local Government Committee. Because of the large number of Assembly Members and Senators with local government backgrounds, interest in local government issues remained high.

Enclosed is a summary of bills introduced during the first year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session that were referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee. The summary includes a brief description and status of all bills, divided into the following categories: Elections; Governance; Health Care Districts and Health Authorities; Housing; Land Use; Local Agency Formation Commissions; Local Government Contracting and Procurement; Joint Exercise of Powers; Local Government Finance; Open Meetings, Public Records Act, Conflict of Interest, Privacy and Open Data; Powers and Duties; Public Safety; Public Trust Lands; Redevelopment and Post-Redevelopment; Transportation and Transit Districts; and Water.

For quick and easy reference, please see the table of contents in the front of this document or the index located at the end. Bills marked with an asterisk (\*) were amended and subsequently utilized as vehicles for other bill proposals, some of which stayed within the Committee's jurisdiction. Additional information regarding this summary can be obtained through the Assembly Local Government Committee office at (916) 319-3958.

Sincerely,



Brian Maienschein, Chair

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**AB 278 (R. Hernández) District-based municipal elections.**

Would require general law cities with a population of 100,000 or more to elect members of the city council by district. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.*

**AB 910 (Harper) Political Reform Act of 1974: local enforcement.**

Would expand an authorization currently granted only to San Bernardino County by allowing any city or county to enter into an agreement with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for the FPPC to administer and enforce a local campaign finance ordinance. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Elections and Redistricting and Local Government.*

**AB 1083 (Eggman) Political Reform Act of 1974: local enforcement.**

Allows the City of Stockton to enter into an agreement with the FPPC to administer and enforce the City's local campaign finance ordinance.

**Status:** Chapter 186, Statutes of 2015

**SB 493 (Cannella) Elections in cities: by or from districts.**

Allows a city with less than 100,000 people to adopt an ordinance requiring the city council to be elected by district without being required to submit the ordinance to the voters for approval.

**Status:** Chapter 735, Statutes of 2015

### GOVERNANCE

**AB 3 (Williams) Isla Vista Community Services District.**

Establishes the formation process, boundaries, services, and governing body for the Isla Vista Community Services District.

**Status:** Chapter 548, Statutes of 2015

**AB 386 (Dahle) Tulelake Irrigation District.**

Would make changes to the qualifications for voters and directors in the Tulelake Irrigation District, and would require voters to be landowners instead of registered voters in the District.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

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\*Denotes a bill that was amended and subsequently used for another purpose.

**AB 738 (B. Gaines) Sacramento Regional Transit District.**

Makes changes to Sacramento Regional Transit District's boundaries and establishes a new process for the annexation and detachment of territory.

**Status: Chapter 335, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 948 (Patterson) Local government: community service districts.**

Would make changes to the qualifications for directors in the Sierra Cedars Community Services District by authorizing non-resident landowners to be a candidate for the board of directors.

**Status: Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.**

**AB 952 (C. Garcia) Local government: vacancies.**

Provides an alternative procedure for filling a vacancy on a city council that occurs early in a council member's term.

**Status: Chapter 185, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1217 (Daly) Orange County Fire Authority.**

Would restructure the governing board of the Orange County Fire Authority. **Status: Referred to Senate Governance and Finance Committee.**

## **HEALTHCARE DISTRICTS AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES**

**AB 1290 (Dahle) Health care districts: public contracts: design-build.**

Allows the Mayers Memorial Hospital District to use the design-build contracting method for the construction of a building or improvements directly related to construction of a hospital or health facility building at the District.

**Status: Chapter 34, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1350 (Salas) Kern County Hospital Authority.**

Makes changes to existing law which authorizes the Kern County Board of Supervisors to establish the Kern County Hospital Authority.

**Status: Chapter 790, Statutes of 2015**

## **HOUSING**

**AB 313 (Atkins) Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.**

Clarifies procedures for replacing dwelling units that are removed or destroyed within an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) and makes other technical changes to EIFD law.

**Status: Chapter 320, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 744 (Chau) Planning and zoning: density bonuses.**

Requires a local government, upon the request of a developer that receives a density bonus, to reduce the minimum parking requirements for a housing development, if it meets specified criteria.

**Status: Chapter 699, Statutes of 2015**

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**AB 1316 (Lopez)      Housing elements.**

Would require local agencies to make a draft housing element or draft amendment to the housing element available to the public at least 30 days prior to submission to the Department of Housing and Community Development. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

**AB 1368 (Baker)      Housing element: discharged military personnel.**

Would require, for any discharged military service personnel who records his or her DD 214 discharge document with a county recorder's office that the person lists as his or her county or residence, that it be deemed to have produced one new housing unit for the 2014-22 regional housing needs assessment cycle, to the credit of the city or county in which the service personnel resides. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development.*

**AB 1403 (Maienschein)      Housing: joint powers agreement.**

Allows a public agency or agencies and one or more private nonprofits dedicated to providing services to homeless persons to form a joint powers agency or enter into a joint powers agreement in order to identify and provide services to the most costly, frequent users of publicly funded emergency services.

**Status:** *Chapter 188, Statutes of 2015*

**SB 434 (Allen)      Manufactured housing: vehicle license fee: property taxation.**

Would require the assessor to notify the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the legal owner, and each assessee whose manufactured home is to be placed on the local assessment role, and would require HCD to transfer a manufactured home that is subject to the vehicle license fee to local property taxation when it is found that the home has been rebuilt and is no longer mobile. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

**SB 441 (Leno)      San Francisco redevelopment: housing.**

Would allow the successor agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco to issue bonds or incur other indebtedness to finance the affordable housing requirements of several designated projects. **Status:** *Ordered to Assembly Inactive File.*

## **LAND USE**

**AB 57 (Quirk)      Telecommunications: wireless telecommunication facilities.**

Requires a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility to be deemed approved, if specified conditions are met, and applies these provisions to all counties and cities, including charter cities.

**Status:** *Chapter 685, Statutes of 2015*

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**AB 201 (Brough)                      Registered sex offenders: local ordinances.**

Would allow cities and counties to adopt ordinances, rules or regulations that are more restrictive than state law regarding the ability of people who are required to register as sex offenders to reside or be present at certain locations within the city or county. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Public Safety. Do pass and re-refer to Committee on Public Safety.*

**AB 451 (Bonilla)                      Private parking facilities.**

Allows cities or counties to authorize, via ordinance or resolution, operators of privately owned and maintained off-street parking facilities to regulate unauthorized parking in their facilities.

**Status:** Chapter 168, Statutes of 2015

**AB 644 (Wood)                      Land use: general plan: safety element: fire hazard impacts.**

Removes the requirement that a county make specified findings pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act for an area located in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard severity zone, in certain instances.

**Status:** Chapter 402, Statutes of 2015

**AB 707 (Wood)                      Agricultural land: Williamson Act contracts: cancellation.**

Requires the Department of Conservation to provide a preliminary valuation of Williamson Act contract land to the county assessor and the city council or board of supervisors at least 60 days before the effective date of the agreed upon cancellation valuation, if the contracted land is in a city or county that has its own cancellation fee.

**Status:** Chapter 631, Statutes of 2015

**AB 744 (Chau)                      Planning and zoning: density bonuses.**

Requires a local government, upon the request of a developer that receives a density bonus, to reduce the minimum parking requirements for a housing development, if it meets specified criteria.

**Status:** Chapter 699, Statutes of 2015

**AB 747 (Eggman)                      Planning and land use: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.**

Clarifies, for purposes of a project that is located within a flood hazard zone in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, what types of permits can be issued by a city or county without that city or county making a specified finding about flood protection.

**Status:** Chapter 152, Statutes of 2015

**AB 1119 (Rendon)                      Public utilities: municipal corporations: rights of way.**

Provides counties with the same rights as municipal corporations regarding the legal authority to challenge a utility project owned, operated, or being constructed by a municipal corporation in or over a street or highway located in unincorporated county territory.

**Status:** Chapter 670, Statutes of 2015

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**AB 1230 (Gomez)      Zoning regulations: interim ordinances. \***

Would require the legislative body of a city or county to issue a written report 15 days prior to the expiration of an interim ordinance or any extension. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**AB 1236 (Chiu)      Local ordinances: electric vehicle charging stations.**

Requires counties and cities, including charter cities, to create an expedited permitting and inspection process for electric vehicle charging stations.

**Status:** Chapter 598, Statutes of 2015

**AB 1251 (Gomez)      Greenway Development and Sustainment Act.**

Allows for the creation of a greenway easement, which must be considered when assessing land values for the purposes of property taxation, and allows the open-space element of a general plan to include greenways.

**Status:** Chapter 639, Statutes of 2015

**AB 1298 (Gipson)      Environmental quality: City of Carson: sports stadium.**

Would place requirements, for an entertainment and sports center project located in the City of Carson, on the public agency in certifying the environmental impact report and granting the approvals for the project, as specified. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Local Government.*

**AB 1303 (Gray)      Subdivision Map Act: map expiration dates.**

Provides an automatic 24-month extension for unexpired subdivision maps approved after January 1, 2000, in jurisdictions that meet specified criteria.

**Status:** Chapter 751, Statutes of 2015

**AB 1344 (Jones)      County office of education: charter schools.**

Would authorize county offices of education (COEs) to render a city or county zoning ordinance inapplicable to a proposed use of property by COEs, and would require the governing board of a school district or county office to render a city or county zoning ordinance inapplicable at the request of a charter school for a charter school facility. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Education and Local Government.*

**SB 379 (Jackson)      Land use: general plan: safety element.**

Requires cities and counties to update their safety elements to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies.

**Status:** Chapter 608, Statutes of 2015

## **LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS**

**AB 3 (Williams)      Isla Vista Community Services District.**

Establishes the formation process, boundaries, services, and governing body for the Isla Vista Community Services District.

**Status:** Chapter 548, Statutes of 2015

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**AB 402 (Dodd)                      Local agency services: contracts.**

Establishes a pilot program, until January 1, 2021, for Napa and San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to authorize a city or district to extend services outside of boundaries for additional purposes beyond responding to a threat to public health or safety.

**Status: Chapter 431, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 851 (Mayes)                      Local government: organization: disincorporations.**

Makes changes to the city disincorporation process in the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Act.

**Status: Chapter 304, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1532 (Local Government)                      Local government: omnibus.**

Makes several non-controversial changes to the laws affecting local government organization and reorganization.

**Status: Chapter 114, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 239 (Hertzberg)                      Local services: contracts: fire protection services.**

Requires a public agency to receive approval from a LAFCO to provide new or extended fire protections services outside its jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to a fire protection contract.

**Status: Chapter 763, Statutes of 2015**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT**

**AB 495 (Gordon)                      Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.**

Increases, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, the amount for which the East Bay Regional Park District or the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District may enter into contracts without a formal bid process.

**Status: Chapter 149, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 504 (Gonzalez)                      Local planning.**

Would have authorized a city to delegate to or contract with a nonprofit public benefit corporation for the performance of ministerial planning functions, and would have required a city to retain all nonministerial planning functions.

**Status: Vetoed**

**AB 727 (Wilk)                      Castaic Lake Water Agency.**

Would make a number of changes to the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) Law, and to CLWA's contracting authority under the Public Contract Code. **Status: Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Utilities and Commerce.**

**AB 975 (Frazier)                      Local Agency Public Construction Act: bid criteria. \***

Would prohibit local public agencies and school districts from disqualifying prospective bidders on public works contracts based on a bidder's involvement in a claim filed by either the bidder or the project owner. **Status: In Senate Education Committee.**

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**AB 1290 (Dahle)      Health care districts: public contracts: design-build.**

Allows the Mayers Memorial Hospital District to use the design-build contracting method for the construction of a building or improvements directly related to construction of a hospital or health facility building at the District.

**Status: Chapter 34, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1315 (Alejo)      Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation.**

Would prohibit local agencies, including charter cities, from requiring contractors to develop, or assume responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of, plans to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on public works projects. **Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.**

**SB 239 (Hertzberg)      Local services: contracts: fire protection services.**

Requires a public agency to receive approval from a LAFCO to provide new or extended fire protections services outside its jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to a fire protection contract.

**Status: Chapter 763, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 330 (Mendoza)      Public officers: contracts: financial interest.**

Would expand the definition of what constitutes a remote interest for purposes of California law governing public officials' conflicts of interest in contracting. **Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.**

**SB 331 (Mendoza)      Public contracts: local agencies: negotiations.**

Requires local agencies that have adopted a Civic Openness in Negotiations ordinance for their labor contracts to use a similar process to evaluate, negotiate, and approve specified goods or services contracts valued at \$250,000 or more.

**Status: Chapter 714, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 374 (Hueso)      Local agency design-build projects: transit districts.**

Allows the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to use the design-build procurement process for specified development projects related to transit facilities developed or jointly developed by SANDAG.

**Status: Chapter 715, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 562 (Lara)      Infrastructure financing: City of Long Beach Civic Center.**

Allows the City of Long Beach to use a public-private partnership procurement method to develop a new civic center.

**Status: Chapter 178, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 626 (McGuire)      Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District: police force.**

Authorizes the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District to hire a sworn peace officer and, if additional officers are needed, to contract with law enforcement agencies located within Marin or Sonoma County.

**Status: Chapter 492, Statutes of 2015**

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**SB 762 (Wolk) Competitive bidding: best value: pilot program: design-build.**  
Allows seven counties to award construction contracts valued above \$1 million on the basis of best value, until January 1, 2020.  
**Status: Chapter 627, Statutes of 2015**

## **JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS**

**AB 656 (C. Garcia) Joint powers agreements: mutual water companies.**  
Allows a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement for the provision of insurance and risk-pooling.  
**Status: Chapter 250, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1260 (Thurmond) Joint Exercise of Powers Act.**  
Would authorize the University of California to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Richmond, or an enhanced infrastructure financing district created by the City of Richmond, for financing infrastructure and other improvements within the area of the South Shoreline Specific Plan and the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay, if the agreement includes specified provisions benefitting the local community. **Status: Referred to Senate Committees on Education and Governance and Finance.**

**AB 1403 (Maienschein) Housing: joint powers agreement.**  
Allows a public agency or agencies and one or more private, nonprofits dedicated to providing services to homeless persons to form a joint powers agency or enter into a joint powers agreement in order to identify and provide services to the most costly, frequent users of publicly funded emergency services.  
**Status: Chapter 188, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 710 (Galgiani) Joint exercise of powers.**  
Would authorize California joint powers authorities to issue bonds and enter into loan agreements to finance or refinance projects located outside this state. **Status: Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Revenue and Taxation.**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE**

**AB 237 (Daly) Local governments: parcel taxes: notice.**  
Would require local agencies to provide specified notification to property owners before the adoption of any new parcel tax. **Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.**

**AB 283 (Dababneh) Financial affairs.**  
Extends the sunset date on the authority granted to local agencies to use a private sector deposit placement service to invest up to 30% of surplus funds into deposits other than certificates of deposits, and removes the cap on funds that may be invested in any single private sector deposit placement service.  
**Status: Chapter 181, Statutes of 2015**

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**AB 338 (R. Hernández) Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax.**

Would authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, subject to voter approval, to impose an additional transactions and use tax at a rate of 0.5% for a period not to exceed 30 years. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committees on Transportation and Housing and Governance and Finance.*

**AB 341 (Achadjian) Financial affairs: reports.**

Extends the amount of time for local agencies to report financial information to the State Controller for the publication of local financial transactions.

**Status:** Chapter 37, Statutes of 2015

**AB 422 (McCarty) Sacramento Regional Transit District: line of credit.**

Enables Sacramento Regional Transit District to obtain a short-term revolving line of credit for operating purposes.

**Status:** Chapter 328, Statutes of 2015

**AB 440 (Alejo) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: County of San Benito.**

Would address past property tax apportionment factors in San Benito County. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.*

**AB 448 (Brown) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

Would modify the formulas for calculating annual vehicle license fee adjustment amounts to include the assessed property valuation within inhabited territory annexed to cities. **Status:** *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.*

**AB 464 (Mullin) Transactions and use taxes: maximum combined rate.**

Would have increased the countywide transactions and use tax combined rate from 2% to 3%, statewide.

**Status:** Vetoed

**AB 514 (Williams) Ordinances: violations: administrative fines.**

Would have allowed counties to assess larger administrative fines for violations of county ordinances that govern building and safety, brush removal, grading, film permitting, and zoning.

**Status:** Vetoed

**AB 661 (Mathis) Counties: recording: real estate instruments.**

Clarifies an exemption in current law from fees that counties can place on certain recorded real estate documents to fund real estate fraud prevention and enforcement.

**Status:** Chapter 76, Statutes of 2015

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\*Denotes a bill that was amended and subsequently used for another purpose.

**AB 746 (Ting) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.**

Extends the sunset date from January 1, 2029, to January 1, 2049, for statutes governing the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and specifies that the Authority may incur general obligation indebtedness for specified purposes.

**Status: Chapter 226, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 896 (Wagner) Counties: search or rescue: costs.**

Allows counties to seek reimbursement from residents age 16 or older for search or rescue costs under specified conditions.

**Status: Chapter 436, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1105 (Daly) Subdivided lands: release of performance security.**

Would repeal the sunset date in the statute governing the timeframe and procedures for releasing subdivision performance securities. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Governance and Finance Committee.*

**AB 1127 (Cooley) Domestic and family violence: Sacramento County.**

Would allow Sacramento County to increase fees by up to \$4 for certified copies of marriage certificates, birth certificates, fetal death records, and death records to fund domestic and family violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committees on Governance and Finance and Judiciary.*

**AB 1191 (Nazarian) Quimby Act: fees.**

Allows the City of Los Angeles to spend proceeds from accrued interest on fee revenues collected pursuant to the Quimby Act for specified purposes.

**Status: Chapter 276, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1220 (Harper) Transient occupancy taxes: residential short-term rental units.**

Would prohibit a legislative body of a local agency from levying a tax on the privilege of occupying a residential short-term rental unit. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Revenue and Taxation.*

**AB 1362 (Gordon) Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: stormwater definition.**

Would add a definition for stormwater to the California Constitution. **Status:** *Referred to Local Government Committee.*

**AB 1455 (Rodriguez) Ontario International Airport.**

Would allow the City of Ontario to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition of the Ontario International Airport from the City of Los Angeles, and would place specified worker retention provisions on the successor agency that acquires the Ontario Airport.

**Status:** *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee.*

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**AB 1502 (Brown)            State government assistance to cities.**

Would require a state agency or department, within 30 days of a request, to provide any assistance, information, data, and services to a city participating in a neutral evaluation process or a bankruptcy proceeding. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**SB 25 (Roth)            Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

Would have provided a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, with property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees.

**Status:** **Vetoed**

**SB 181 (Governance and Finance) Validations.**

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, and school districts, among other public bodies.

**Status:** **Chapter 4, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 182 (Governance and Finance) Validations.**

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, and school districts, among other public bodies.

**Status:** **Chapter 256, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 183 (Governance and Finance) Validations.**

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, and school districts, among other public bodies.

**Status:** **Chapter 45, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 188 (Hancock)            Municipal utility district: utility charges: delinquencies.**

Makes permanent provisions of law that authorize a municipal utility district to file a lien on real property for unpaid water and sewer utility charges rendered to a lessee, tenant, or subtenant, which may be collected on the tax roll in the same manner as property taxes.

**Status:** **Chapter 270, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 222 (Block)            Local agencies: school bonds: general obligation bonds: statutory lien.**

Enacts a statutory lien to secure general obligation bonds issued or sold by a city, county, city and county, school district, community college district, authority, or special district.

**Status:** **Chapter 78, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 434 (Allen)            Manufactured housing: vehicle license fee: property taxation.**

Would require the assessor to notify the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the legal owner, and each assessee whose manufactured home is to be placed on the local assessment role, and would require HCD to transfer a manufactured home that is subject to the vehicle license fee to local property taxation when it is found that the home has been rebuilt and is no longer mobile. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

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\*Denotes a bill that was amended and subsequently used for another purpose.

**SB 477 (Leyva)                      Property tax postponement: mobilehomes.**

Would authorize qualified mobilehome owners to apply to the State Controller to defer payment of property taxes through the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Program. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held in committee under submission.*

**SB 533 (Pan)                      Cities and counties: sales and use tax agreements.**

Revises and recasts existing law which prohibits a local agency from entering into an agreement that would result in the payment, transfer, diversion, or rebate of Bradley-Burns local tax proceeds to a retailer if the agreement results in a reduction of revenue that is received by another local agency.

**Status:** **Chapter 717, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 602 (Monning)                Seismic safety: California Earthquake Authority.**

Would authorize the California Earthquake Authority to enter into voluntary contractual assessments with property owners to finance the instillation of seismic strengthening improvements. **Status:** *Re-referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 705 (Hill)                      Transactions and use taxes: County of San Mateo: Transportation Agency for Monterey County.**

Allows San Mateo and Marin Counties to impose a transactions and use tax at a specified amount for the support of countywide transportation programs that would, in combination with other taxes, exceed the statutory limit of 2%.

**Status:** **Chapter 579, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 710 (Galgiani)                Joint exercise of powers.**

Would authorize California joint powers authorities to issue bonds and enter into loan agreements to finance or refinance projects located outside this state. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Revenue and Taxation.*

**SB 711 (Wolk)                      Law libraries.**

Authorizes a county law library to impose charges for special services, including electronic delivery, other delivery services, educational programs, special events, and the provision of supplies or food services, and defines, for purposes of the law related to the California State Library, the term "public library" to include any county law library, as specified.

**Status:** **Chapter 318, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 767 (De Leon)                Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax.**

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, subject to voter approval, to impose an additional transactions and use tax.

**Status:** **Chapter 580, Statutes of 2015**

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**SB 789 (Wieckowski) Sale of water by local public entities: excise tax.**

Would authorize a local public entity that supplies water at retail or wholesale to impose an excise tax on an excessive user of water at a specified rate, subject to two-thirds voter approval, and would require the revenue to be equally distributed between the local public entity and the State Water Resources Control Board. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Revenue and Taxation. In Local Government Committee: Heard for testimony only.*

**OPEN MEETINGS, PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PRIVACY AND OPEN DATA**

**AB 36 (Campos) Local government: federal surplus property.**

Would have prohibited local agencies, except local law enforcement agencies that are directly under the control of an elected officer, from applying to receive specified surplus military equipment from the federal government, unless the legislative body of the local agency approves the acquisition at a regular meeting held pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**Status:** Vetoed

**AB 169 (Maienschein) Local government: public records: Internet.**

Requires local agencies to use specified open data standards if they maintain an Internet Resource that is described or titled as "open data" and if they choose to post public records on that Internet Resource.

**Status:** Chapter 737, Statutes of 2015

**AB 241 (Gordon) Bankruptcy: retired employees: disclosure of names and mailing addresses.**

Would require a local public entity to provide the name and mailing address of each retired employee to an organization representing retired employees of the local public entity, in specified instances leading up to and when a local public entity files for bankruptcy. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 951 (Wilk) Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District.**

Requires all regular and special meetings of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD), where decisions are being made upon policy items relating to a total maximum daily load of any pollutant, to be held within the boundaries of the SCVSD.

**Status:** Chapter 342, Statutes of 2015

**AB 1284 (Baker) Bay Area state-owned toll bridges: Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee.**

Requires the Toll Bridge Project Oversight Committee to be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

**Status:** Chapter 172, Statutes of 2015

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**SB 272 (Hertzberg)      The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory.**  
Requires cities, counties, special districts, and joint powers authorities, by July 2016, to create a catalogue of their enterprise systems and make the catalog available to the public, including on the agency's Web site.

**Status: Chapter 795, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 330 (Mendoza)      Public officers: contracts: financial interest.**  
Would expand the definition of what constitutes a remote interest for purposes of California law governing public officials' conflicts of interest in contracting. **Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.**

**SB 331 (Mendoza)      Public contracts: local agencies: negotiations.**  
Requires local agencies that have adopted a Civic Openness in Negotiations ordinance for their labor contracts to use a similar process to evaluate, negotiate, and approve specified goods or services contracts valued at \$250,000 or more.

**Status: Chapter 714, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 741 (Hill)      Mobile communications: privacy.**  
Requires local agencies to publicly approve the acquisition of cellular communications interception technology (CCIT), requires local agencies to develop and release a usage and privacy policy for CCIT, and provides for civil remedies in the event of a violation.

**Status: Chapter 659, Statutes of 2015**

## **POWERS AND DUTIES**

**AB 45 (Mullin)      Household hazardous waste.**  
Would require jurisdictions that provide for the residential collection and disposal of solid waste to increase the collection and diversion of household hazardous waste. **Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

**AB 189 (Bloom)      Arts Council: cultural districts.**  
Requires the California Arts Council to establish criteria and guidelines for state-designated cultural districts, and defines state-designated cultural districts.

**Status: Chapter 396, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 285 (Gallagher)      Legal assistants. \***  
Would make minor changes to the laws governing the registration of legal document assistants.

**Status: In Senate Judiciary Committee.**

**AB 347 (Chang)      Local agencies: city selection committees: County of Los Angeles.**  
Requires specified city council members to serve as the voting member of the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee when a mayor or the mayor's designated member is unable to attend a meeting.

**Status: Chapter 361, Statutes of 2015**

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\*Denotes a bill that was amended and subsequently used for another purpose.

**AB 385 (Chu)**                    **Solid waste facilities: Newby Island Landfill: stakeholder group.**  
Would require the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to establish a South Bay Odor Stakeholder Group and to hold a public meeting, at least once every six months to discuss issues related to odors emanating from the Newby Island Landfill, as well as odors from other locations around the landfill, and specifies the membership of the Group. **Status:** *In Senate Environmental Quality Committee.*

**AB 541 (Dahle)**                    **Big Valley Watermaster District Act.**  
Would create the Big Valley Watermaster District and establish the boundaries, governing body, and powers and duties of the District. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**AB 568 (Dodd)**                    **Reclamation District No. 108: hydroelectric power.**  
Authorizes Reclamation District No. 108, until January 1, 2021, to generate and sell hydroelectric power.  
**Status:** **Chapter 134, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 630 (Linder)**                    **Public officers and employees: oath of office.**  
Allows a county board of supervisors to require the filing of a new oath of office, in specified instances.  
**Status:** **Chapter 365, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 679 (Allen)**                    **Documents: recordation. \***  
Would require county recorders to endorse the number of pages upon any document presented for recording, and would remove a requirement that county recorders note on the record the name of the person requesting a document to be recorded. **Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File.*

**AB 718 (Chu)**                    **Local government: powers.**  
Would prohibit a city, county, or city and county from prohibiting or otherwise subjecting to civil or criminal penalties the act of sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle.  
**Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File.*

**AB 778 (Maienschein)**                    **Fees: military service records.**  
Allows county recorders to provide certified copies of military discharge documents when those documents are requested in writing or via fax or digitized image.  
**Status:** **Chapter 84, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 783 (Daly)**                    **Cities: legislative bodies: subpoena power. \***  
Would allow a city attorney to attest a subpoena that has been signed by a mayor. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.*

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**AB 823 (Bigelow)      Counties: ordinances.**

Allows counties to post on their Web sites proposed and adopted ordinances as an alternative to posting a copy of the full text of the ordinance in the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors.

**Status: Chapter 39, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 951 (Wilk)      Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District.**

Requires all regular and special meetings of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD), where decisions are being made upon policy items relating to a total maximum daily load of any pollutant, to be held within the boundaries of the SCVSD.

**Status: Chapter 342, Statutes of 2015**

**ACR 93 (Holden)      Fire safety: municipal ordinances.**

Encourages all California municipalities to reexamine regulations surrounding mandatory fire suppression ordinances.

**Status: Res. Chapter 173, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 184 (Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.**

Enacts the Local Government Omnibus Bill of 2015, which proposes a number of non-controversial changes to existing laws governing the powers and duties of local agencies.

**Status: Chapter 269, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 188 (Hancock)      Municipal utility district: utility charges: delinquencies.**

Makes permanent provisions of law that authorize a municipal utility district to file a lien on real property for unpaid water and sewer utility charges rendered to a lessee, tenant, or subtenant, which may be collected on the tax roll in the same manner as property taxes.

**Status: Chapter 270, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 422 (Monning)      Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority.**

Makes changes to the Santa Clara County Open-Space Authority Act and authorizes the Authority to acquire real and personal property outside its boundaries.

**Status: Chapter 99, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 481 (Hueso)      Local government: auditors independence.**

Would have prohibited the general counsel of a local government from having direct oversight over that local government's auditors.

**Status: Vetoed**

**SB 485 (Hernández)      County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.**

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities to divert, manage, and treat stormwater and dry weather runoff.

**Status: Chapter 678, Statutes of 2015**

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**AB 36 (Campos)      Local government: federal surplus property.**

Would have prohibited local agencies, except local law enforcement agencies that are directly under the control of an elected officer, from applying to receive specified surplus military equipment from the federal government, unless the legislative body of the local agency approves the acquisition at a regular meeting held pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**Status: Vetoed**

**AB 201 (Brough)      Registered sex offenders: local ordinances.**

Would allow cities and counties to adopt ordinances, rules or regulations that are more restrictive than state law regarding the ability of people who are required to register as sex offenders to reside or be present at certain locations within the city or county. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Public Safety. Do pass and re-refer to Committee on Public Safety.*

**AB 896 (Wagner)      Counties: search or rescue: costs.**

Allows counties to seek reimbursement from residents age 16 or older for search or rescue costs under specified conditions.

**Status: Chapter 436, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1127 (Cooley)      Domestic and family violence: Sacramento County.**

Would allow Sacramento County to increase fees by up to \$4 for certified copies of marriage certificates, birth certificates, fetal death records, and death records to fund domestic and family violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committees on Governance and Finance and Judiciary.*

## **PUBLIC TRUST LANDS**

**SB 141 (McGuire)      Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District  
Act: land grants, acquisitions, and dispositions.**

Clarifies that the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District is authorized to sell or transfer certain property, and makes several other changes to the District's Act.

**Status: Chapter 231, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 399 (Hall)      Tidelands and submerged lands: City of Los Angeles.**

Increases the maximum allowable term for franchises, permits, and leases for the City of Los Angeles' granted tidelands and submerged lands from 50 years to 66 years.

**Status: Chapter 450, Statutes of 2015**

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## **REDEVELOPMENT AND POST-REDEVELOPMENT**

### **AB 2 (Alejo) Community revitalization authority.**

Authorizes local entities, either individually or collaboratively to form a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIA) and allows participating entities to agree to direct property tax increment revenues to the CRIA to invest in improvements in specified project areas that are characterized by low household income, high unemployment and crime, and deteriorated public infrastructure and structures.

**Status:** Chapter 319, Statutes of 2015

### **AB 204 (O'Donnell) Redevelopment: County of Los Angeles.**

Would prohibit oversight boards in Los Angeles County from being consolidated into a single countywide oversight board unless a successor agency adopts a resolution dissolving the board.

**Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File.*

### **AB 313 (Atkins) Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.**

Clarifies procedures for replacing dwelling units that are removed or destroyed within an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) and makes other technical changes to EIFD law.

**Status:** Chapter 320, Statutes of 2015

### **AB 654 (Brown) Redevelopment: revenues from property tax override rates.**

Would prohibit a county auditor from allocating revenues derived from a property tax rate approved by voters in a city, county, or special district to the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund, to pay for the State Water Project, except as specified. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.*

### **AB 712 (Mullin) Redevelopment: successor agencies: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.**

Would revise the timeline, commencing July 1, 2016, for the preparation of the required Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to provide that the successor agency prepare a schedule for a 12-month fiscal period, with the first of these periods beginning July 1, 2016.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development.*

### **AB 806 (Dodd) Redevelopment: successor agencies to redevelopment agencies. \***

Would make various changes to provisions of law governing former redevelopment agencies.

**Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

### **AB 974 (Bloom) Redevelopment dissolution: housing projects: bond proceeds.**

Would allow successor agencies greater flexibility for bond obligation proceeds issued between January 1, 2011, and June 28, 2011, under specified conditions. **Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File.*

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\*Denotes a bill that was amended and subsequently used for another purpose.

**AB 1009 (C. Garcia)      Local government: redevelopment: revenues from property tax override rates.**

Would enact provisions that would allow revenues from a voter-approved pension property tax to be allocated to the city or county whose voters approved the tax, under specified conditions.

**Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.*

**AB 1079 (Obernolte)      Successor agencies: due diligence review: finding of completion.**

Would provide that the requirements of a due diligence review have been satisfied if specified conditions with respect to a transfer of assets are met, and would provide in that event, that the successor agency is entitled to a finding of completion by the Department of Finance.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development.*

**AB 1080 (Obernolte)      Redevelopment: enforceable obligations: military base reuse.**

Would authorize the Department of Finance to find that an agreement between a former redevelopment agency and a joint powers authority that was created to exercise the powers provided by the Military Base Reuse Authority Act is an enforceable obligation.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development.*

**AB 1412 (Perea)      Redevelopment: successor agencies to redevelopment agencies.**

Would have allowed for an expedited repayment schedule of an outstanding loan agreement entered into between a former redevelopment agency and the City of San Joaquin, under specified conditions.

**Status:** *Vetoed*

**SB 63 (Hall)      Seaport infrastructure financing districts.**

Allows cities and counties to create Seaport Infrastructure Financing Districts (SIFDs), and allows SIFDs to finance port or harbor infrastructure, under specified conditions.

**Status:** *Chapter 793, Statutes of 2015*

**SB 441 (Leno)      San Francisco redevelopment: housing.**

Would allow the successor agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco to issue bonds or incur other indebtedness to finance the affordable housing requirements of several designated projects. **Status:** *Ordered to Assembly Inactive File.*

## **TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DISTRICTS**

**AB 338 (R. Hernández) Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax.**

Would authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, subject to voter approval, to impose an additional transactions and use tax at a rate of 0.5% for a period not to exceed 30 years. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committees on Transportation and Housing and Governance and Finance.*

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**AB 422 (McCarty) Sacramento Regional Transit District: line of credit.**  
Enables Sacramento Regional Transit District to obtain a short-term revolving line of credit for operating purposes.

**Status: Chapter 328, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 726 (Nazarian) Vehicles: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.**

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to operate articulated buses that do not exceed 82 feet on the Orange Line in Los Angeles County.

**Status: Chapter 479, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 738 (B. Gaines) Sacramento Regional Transit District.**

Makes changes to Sacramento Regional Transit District's boundaries and establishes a new process for the annexation and detachment of territory.

**Status: Chapter 335, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 906 (Cooper) Sacramento Regional Transit District.**

Deletes the proportionate share payment in existing law that the City of Elk Grove must fulfill to maintain an appointment of a director to Sacramento Regional Transit District's Board of Directors.

**Status: Chapter 339, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1098 (Bloom) Transportation: congestion management.**

Would make changes to the laws governing county congestion management plans. **Status:**  
*Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Local Government.*

**AB 1284 (Baker) Bay Area state-owned toll bridges: Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee.**

Requires the Toll Bridge Project Oversight Committee to be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

**Status: Chapter 172, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 1459 (Kim) Toll lanes: County of Orange.**

Would prohibit the California Department of Transportation from seeking or providing funding for the construction of a toll lane on a public highway in Orange County unless the toll lane project is first approved by a two-thirds vote of the Orange County Transportation Authority.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Local Government.*

**SB 374 (Hueso) Local agency design-build projects: transit districts.**

Allows the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to use the design-build procurement process for specified development projects related to transit facilities developed or jointly developed by SANDAG.

**Status: Chapter 715, Statutes of 2015**

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**SB 626 (McGuire) Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District: police force.**  
Authorizes the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District to hire a sworn peace officer and, if additional officers are needed, to contract with law enforcement agencies located within Marin or Sonoma County.

**Status: Chapter 492, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 705 (Hill) Transactions and use taxes: County of San Mateo: Transportation Agency for Monterey County.**

Allows San Mateo and Marin Counties to impose a transactions and use tax at a specified amount for the support of countywide transportation programs that would, in combination with other taxes, exceed the statutory limit of 2%.

**Status: Chapter 579, Statutes of 2015**

**SB 767 (De Leon) Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax.**

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, subject to voter approval, to impose an additional transactions and use tax.

**Status: Chapter 580, Statutes of 2015**

## **WATER**

**AB 1 (Brown) Drought: local governments: fines.**

Prohibits a city or county from imposing a fine for a brown lawn or failure to water a lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a state of emergency due to drought conditions.

**Status: Chapter 62, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 541 (Dahle) Big Valley Watermaster District Act.**

Would create the Big Valley Watermaster District and establish the boundaries, governing body, and powers and duties of the District. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**AB 656 (C. Garcia) Joint powers agreements: mutual water companies.**

Allows a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement for the provision of insurance and risk-pooling.

**Status: Chapter 250, Statutes of 2015**

**AB 727 (Wilk) Castaic Lake Water Agency.**

Would make a number of changes to the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) Law, and to CLWA's contracting authority under the Public Contract Code. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Utilities and Commerce.*

**AB 1077 (Holden) Mutual water companies: open meetings.**

Makes a number of changes to the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act.

**Status: Chapter 669, Statutes of 2015**

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\*Denotes a bill that was amended and subsequently used for another purpose.

**AB 1164 (Gatto)****Water conservation: drought tolerant landscaping.**

Prohibits cities and counties from enacting or enforcing any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the installation of drought tolerant landscaping, synthetic grass, or artificial turf on residential property.

**Status:** Chapter 671, Statutes of 2015

**AB 1340 (Chau)****Local government: sale of water utility property.**

Would authorize the City of Montebello to sell its water utility, until July 1, 2017, pursuant to the process in existing law for cities to dispose of city-owned property. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**SB 485 (Hernández)****County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.**

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities to divert, manage, and treat stormwater and dry weather runoff.

**Status:** Chapter 678, Statutes of 2015

**SB 789 (Wieckowski)****Sale of water by local public entities: excise tax.**

Would authorize a local public entity that supplies water at retail or wholesale to impose an excise tax on an excessive user of water at a specified rate, subject to two-thirds voter approval, and would require the revenue to be equally distributed between the local public entity and the State Water Resources Control Board. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Revenue and Taxation. In Local Government Committee: Heard for testimony only.*

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\*Denotes a bill that was amended and subsequently used for another purpose.

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